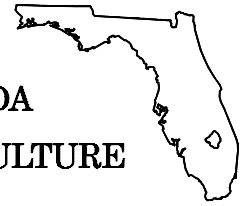




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## FLORIDA AGRICULTURE



# AVOCADOS

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**FLORIDA:** The forecast of avocados for certified shipments for the 2000-01 season is continued at 950,000 bushels. This is 13 percent more than the 843,000 bushels shipped in the 1999-00 season. If realized this will be the most shipments since the 1,111,000 bushels shipped in the 1991-92 season.

Estimated shipments through August total almost 460,000 bushels, the most in many seasons. Summer varieties are heavy set

and good demand is reported. Bearing acres is estimated at 6,100, the most since before Hurricane Andrew in 1992.

**CALIFORNIA:** Shipments through September 5 total 6,357,000 bushel equivalents, over 30 percent more than last season's reduced crop. Two months remain in the marketing season with a total crop of 6,430,000 bushel equivalents expected.

**FLORIDA:** Estimated certified shipments of avocados, 2000-2001 season, with comparisons - Season: April 1 - March 31

Season	Shipments through August	Remaining to be shipped	Total shipments
Bushels			
Certified:			
1990-91	285,900	466,100	752,000
1991-92	403,800	707,200	1,111,000
1992-93	274,700	9,300	284,000
1993-94	27,000	148,000	175,000
1994-95	233,500	545,500	779,000
1995-96	243,900	500,100	744,000
1996-97	286,700	631,300	918,000
1997-98	425,900	512,100	938,000
1998-99	356,300	534,700	891,000
1999-00	368,400	474,600	843,000
Estimated			
2000-01	459,100	490,900	950,000

**CALIFORNIA:** Estimated avocado shipments, 1999-00 season, with comparisons - Season: November 1 - October 31

Variety	1998-99 season	1999-00 season		
	Total shipments	Shipments through September 5	Remaining to be shipped	Estimated total shipments
Bushels <sup>1/</sup>				
Fuerte	104,000	122,000	0	122,000
Hass	4,879,000	5,723,000	53,000	5,776,000
Other	448,000	512,000	20,000	532,000
Total	5,431,000	6,357,000	73,000	6,430,000

<sup>1/</sup> Pounds converted to bushels at 50 pound equivalents.